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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR APRIL 20 PRESS  
BRIEFING:

QUOTE

Q: WHAT IS THE LATEST READING YOU HAVE ON THE NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE BEING ROUNDED UP IN KOREA FOLLOWING THE VISIT OF  
THE AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION?

A: IT IS DIFFICULT TO GET AN EXACT READING OF THIS  
HIGHLY CHANGEABLE SITUATION. PEOPLE APPARENTLY HAVE BEEN  
CALLED IN IN CONNECTION WITH THE "CHARTER OF DEMOCRACY AND  
NATIONAL SALVATION" ISSUED ON MARCH 22. SOME OF THESE  
PEOPLE ARE STILL BEING DETAINED AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN  
RELEASED. THE FIGURES SUPPLIED BY OUR EMBASSY INDICATE  
THAT ABOUT 27 PEOPLE APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN CALLED IN  
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AND ABOUT 12 ARE STILL UNDER DETENTION.

TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, NONE OF THESE PEOPLE  
HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CONGRESSMEN OR ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY HOLBROOKE WHO RECENTLY VISITED SEOUL.  
THERE ALSO HAS BEEN SOME DETENTION OF STUDENTS IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS AND

DEMONSTRATIONS ON CAMPUSES. THESE TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION. I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT NUMBER BUT IT IS BELIEVED TO BE SMALL.

Q: DOES THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE NYTIMES STORY TODAY IN WHICH A PROMINENT KOREAN CHURCH FIGURE SAYS THAT AMBASSADOR SNEIDER LACKS CONCERN FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION?

A: AMBASSADOR SNEIDER IS A MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S TEAM AND HAS OUR FULL CONFIDENCE. AS THE ARTICLE POINTS OUT, HE IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN SEEKING AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN KOREA. IN FACT, DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TWO VERY PROMINENT OPPOSITION LEADERS, WHO HAD BEEN CONVICTED IN THE MYONGDONG CASE, WERE INVITED AND CAME TO HIS HOME WHERE THEY MET THE DELEGATION. BOTH HE AND HIS STAFF MAINTAIN A WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS IN THE KOREAN COMMUNITY INCLUDING OPPOSITION FIGURES.

Q: HAVE THE AMBASSADOR'S EFFORTS LED TO ANY SUCCESSES YET?

A: THAT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT OUR VIEWS ARE BEING MADE KNOWN TO THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT IS PROBABLE THAT THIS IS HAVING A MODERATING EFFECT ON THE SITUATION.

Q: HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS THE CASE?  
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A: THAT'S OUR JUDGMENT BASED ON THE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US. END QUOTE

2. NO QUESTIONS ON KOREA WERE ASKED AT BRIEFING.  
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